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FOR NEA SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI COMPLIANCE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO

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EVRON HAS PASSED TO ME A MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN ON THIS SUBJECT. DAYAN REMINDS ME THAT HE HAD TOLD US SOME WEEKS AGO THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO QUESTION SHOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. IF WE WISH AN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION, I QILL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP DIRECTLY WITH BEGIN. (IT IS OBVIOUS THAT DAYAN FAILED AT AN EARLIER POINT IN HIS EFFORT TO GET A CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT FOR US, AND DOES NOT PLAN TO INVOLVE HIMSELF ANY FURTHER UNLESS INSTRUCTED BY BEGIN TO DO SO.) IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE POINT WE ARE REACHING ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND ON U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS, DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO PURSUE THIS WITH BEGIN? IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING MORE GUIDANCE AS TO EXACTLY WHAT I AM TRYING TO FISH OUT OF THE ISRAELIS BY THIS APPROACH.

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